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 For: **EGG CLEANING AND**
DECORATING METHOD
AND KIT THEREFOR :

To: The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant is not aware of any specific prior art, which relates to a method and kit for removing the contents of an egg, cleaning the shell and the subsequent decoration of the shell as an artistic medium, as disclosed and claimed in the above-identified patent application. The Examiner's attention, however, is directed to following documents, which were discussed in the specification of the application and a copy of which are enclosed herewith and listed on the attached PTO/SB/08A form:

U.S. Patents

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Inventor</u>
3,855,915	Hoyt et al
4,182,234	Reed
5,289,762	Phillips
5,297,477	Phillips
5,317,962	Phillips

Other Reference

"Egg Crafting", page 166, origin unknown.

U.S. Patent No. 3,855,915 to Hoyt et al discloses an egg blowing device that acts as a mechanical egg blower and which reduces the danger of bacterial contamination to the person using this device.

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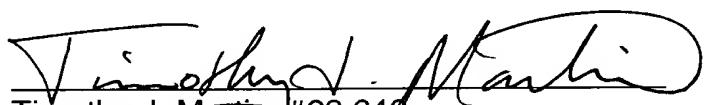
U.S. Patent No. 4,182,234 to Reed discloses an egg content remover whereby an egg is placed on a cup receptacle and a pair of tubes are inserted into the egg . Air is then supplied to one tube which forces the contents of the egg to be discharged through the second tube.

U.S. Patent Nos. 5,289,762, 5,297,477 and 5,317,962 to Phillips describe various egg evacuation devices whereby a hollow tube is inserted into an opening in the egg and air is supplied through the tube forcing the egg yoke and egg white to be removed from the egg shell.

Applicant believes that none of the disclosed art, alone or in combination, fully or fairly disclose an egg cleaning and decorating method and kit described and claimed in this application. Accordingly, Applicant believes that her application presents new, useful and non-obvious technology and that the claims presented with this application are allowable. The Examiner is courteously solicited to enter an expeditious allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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